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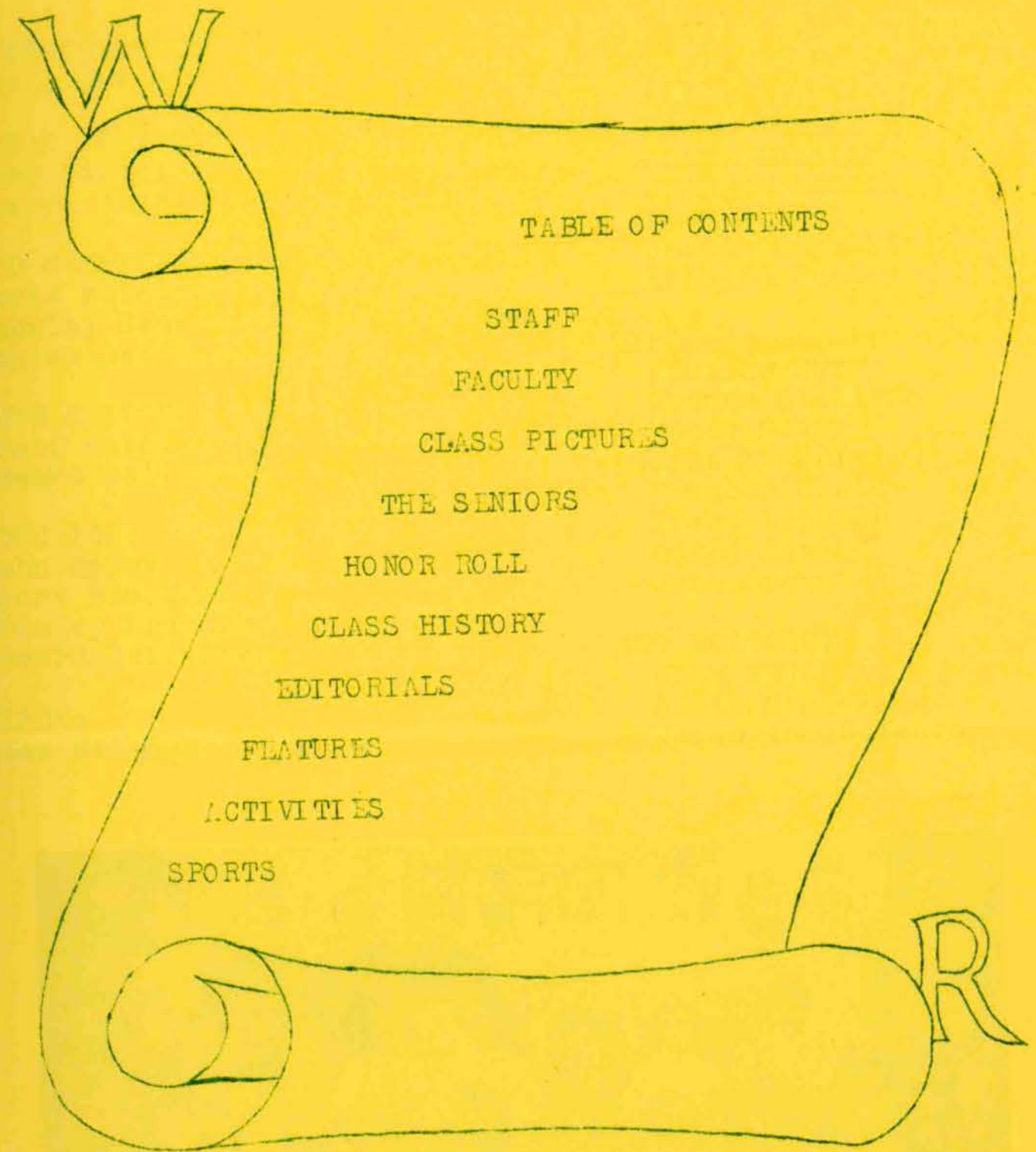


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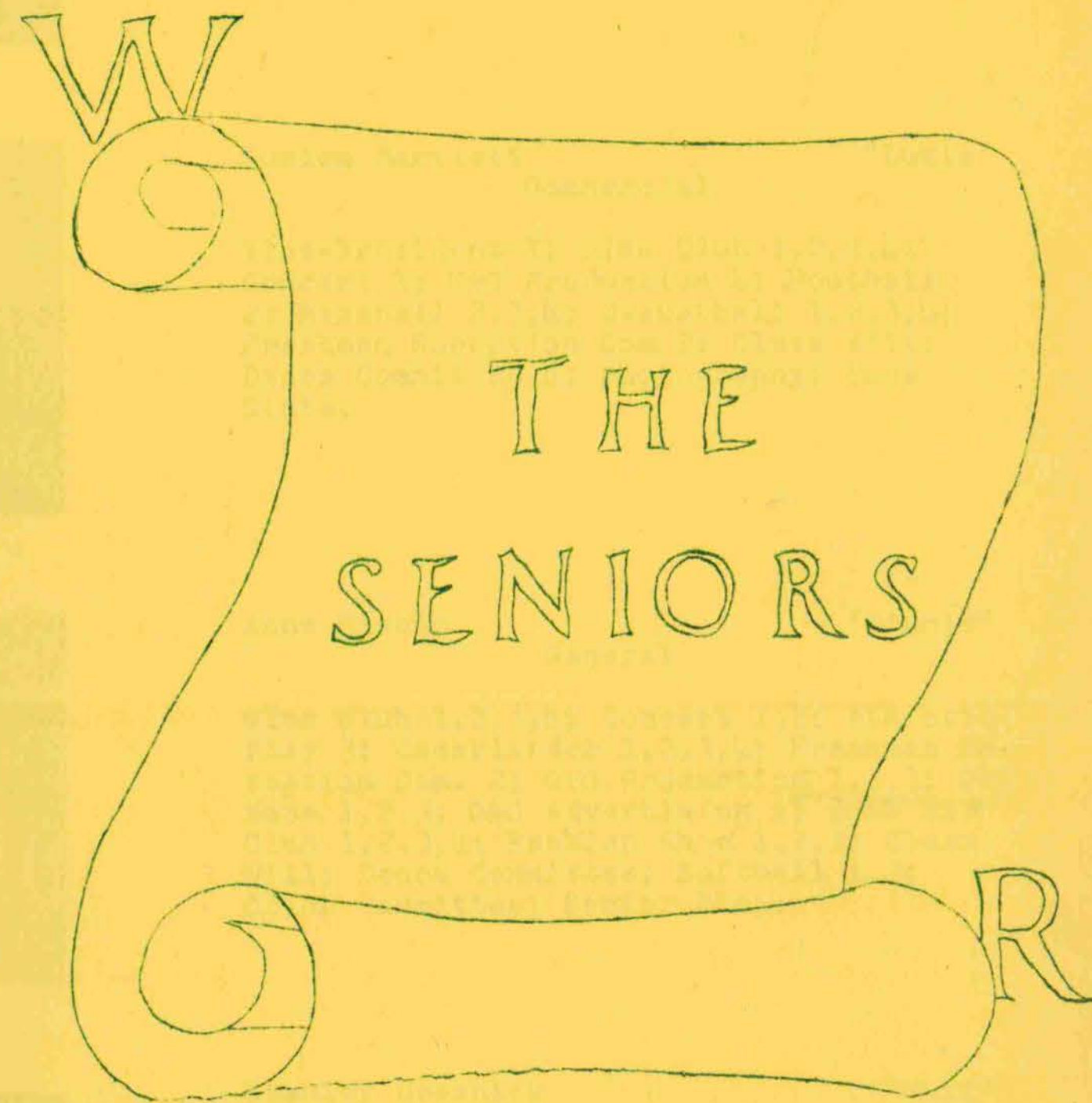
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Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Concert 1,2; Freshman Reception Com. 2; G&G News 4; G&G Advertising 4; Home Ec. Club 1,2,3,4; Fashion Show 1,2.



John McCormack

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"Jiggs"

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Concert 1; Football 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,
2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3; Prize-Speaking
4; Freshman Reception Com. 2; G&G News
4; G&G Advertising; Picnic Committee;
Senior Play.



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College Preparatory

"Bobby"

Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Concert 1,2; Fashion
Show 1,2; Photography Editor 4; Senior
Play.



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Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Concert 1,2.



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General

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College Preparatory

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College Preparatory

Honors; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Concert 1, 2; Soloist 1, 2; Athletic Play 3; Prize-Speaking 3; Cartoons 1, 2, 3, 4; Home Ec. Club 1, 2, 3; Fashion Show 1, 2; Class Song, Music; History; Band 4; Class Motto; Art Editor; Senior Play.



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General

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader 4; G&G Production 2, 3, 4; G&G Typist 3, 4; G&G News Editor 4; Home Ec. Club 2, 3, 4; Fashion Show 1, 2; Vice-President Home Ec. Club 2, 4; Pastimes; Dance Committee.

SONG

These last four years have come and gone
But happy mem'ries linger on
Of everyone who did his part
In giving us a perfect start

These last four years have been the best
Have been the ones we'll ne'er forget
For as we leave on diverse ways
We'll e'er recall our high school days

Chorus:

The class of 1952
Now bids a fond but sad adieu
To Westside High and all our friends
Whom we'll remember to this end.

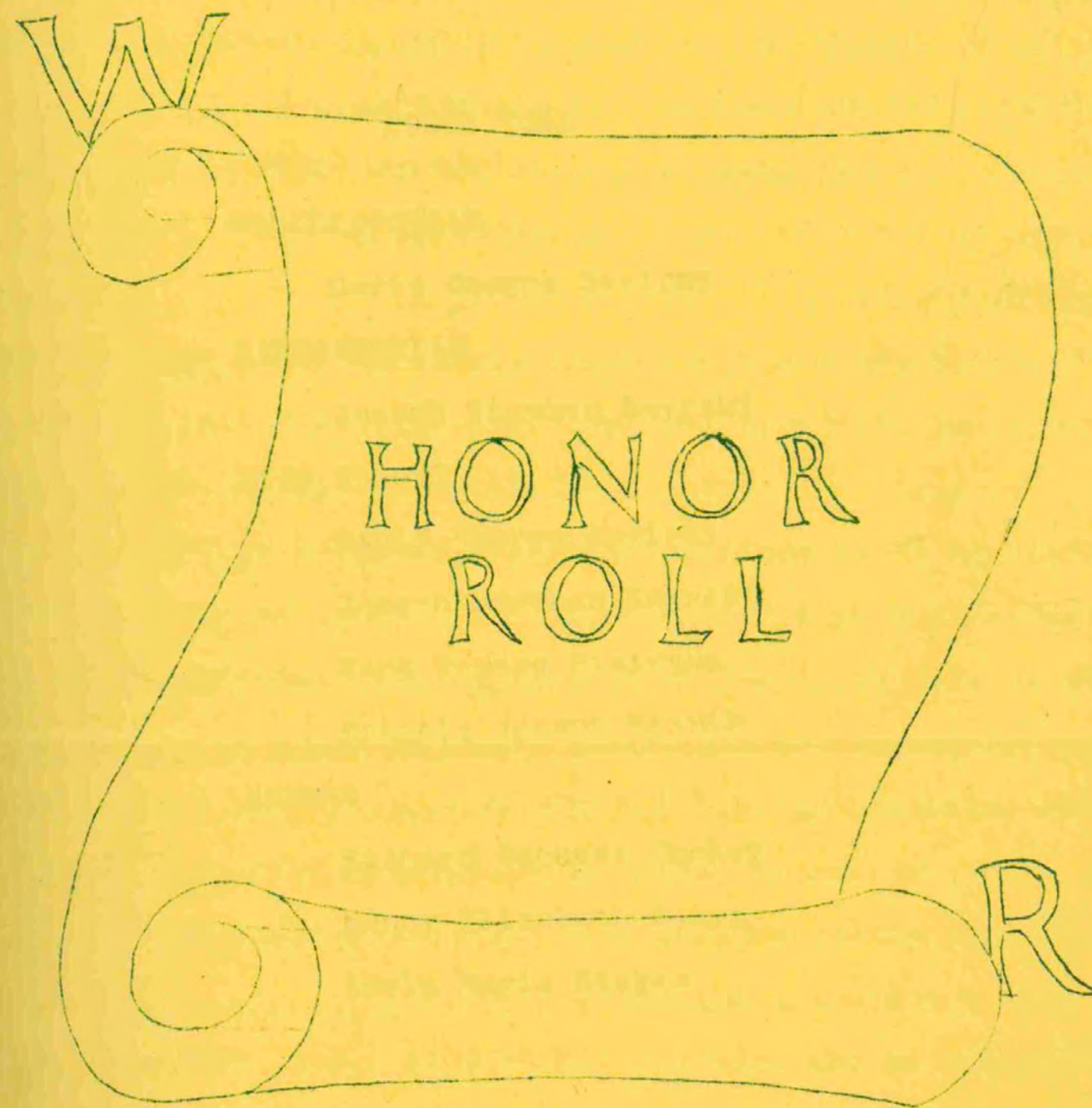
POEM

Swiftly, silently, like a thief of night,
Four years, almost lost to the space of time
Are gone, never to return to our sight.
They are the precious years of our prime.

West Rutland High, future years, we will miss,
Days of learning, pleasures that could not last.
Green, golden hue, never more to exist,
Please remember us, children of thy past.

Children of now, the men of future days,
We're becoming what we will be, today.

Adele Stokes





HONOR ROLL

VALEDICTORIAN

David George Sevigny

SALUTATORIAN

Joseph Stephen Smyrski

HIGH HONORS

David George Sevigny

Joseph Stephen Smyrski

Mary Teresa Pietryka

Francis Joseph Reznik

HONORS

Richard Beckett Tuckey

Nancy Elizabeth Baker

Adele Marie Stokes

SALUTATORY

On this memorable occasion of our graduation, it is my great pleasure, in behalf of the class of 1952, to welcome you, parents and friends, to our commencement exercises.

Indeed, we are greatly honored and grateful to share our joy and pride in the successful completion of our four years at West Rutland High School.

Whatever our goals, we shall always remember the many trivial, but sometimes difficult problems we have experienced in these past years. We shall always be exceedingly thankful to our teachers, parents, and those who in anyway have tendered us every possible service to make us fit for our future lives. We shall always endeavor to live up to all your expectations, remembering the many sacrifices offered in our behalf, that we might be better prepared to meet our daily needs. Through these difficult and troubled times, our courage will lead us, though our paths are steep and narrow, that we may someday show our appreciation by bringing success into our lives and yours.

It will be our constant aim to live clean, moral, and exemplary lives--that we may always be a credit to our nation and our community.

Joseph Smyrski

VALEDICTORY

QUI ERIMUS, NUNC FIMUS....WHAT WE ARE TO BE, WE ARE NOW BECOMING

As we, the Class of '52 look back to the days when we first began on our four years of study that combined to make up our high school education, we recall that the question most often put to us by our parents and teachers was, "Have you any idea what you would like to do after graduation?"

The majority of us, in fact probably all of us, did not have the slightest idea just what our vocations might be. We constantly changed our minds, investigated different fields, and we were literally in a state of constant uncertainty.

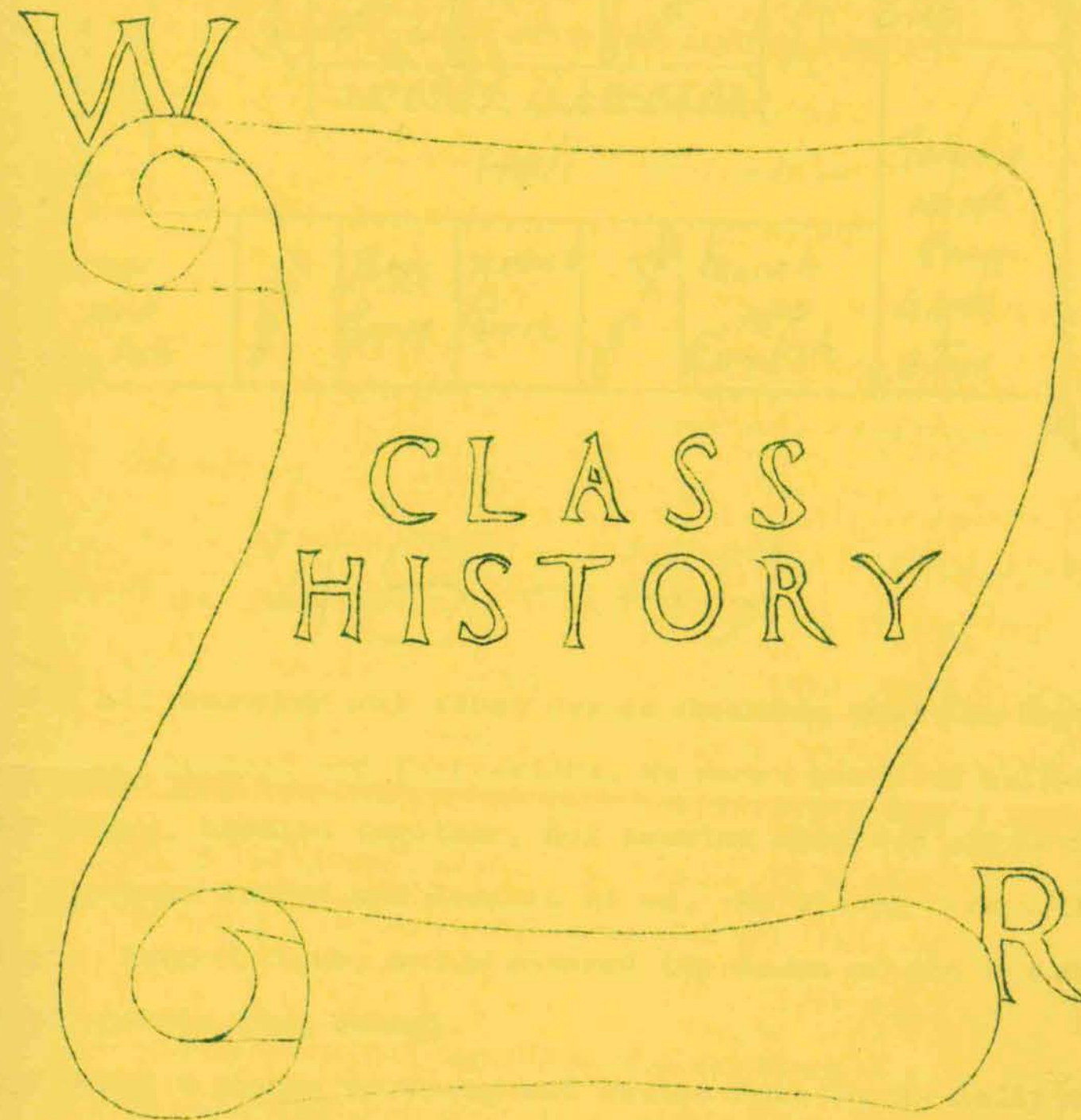
Thanks to the patient and understanding guidance of our parents and teachers whose critical, yet kind advice has guided us safely through these past years, we are well prepared to make this important decision regarding our individual futures.

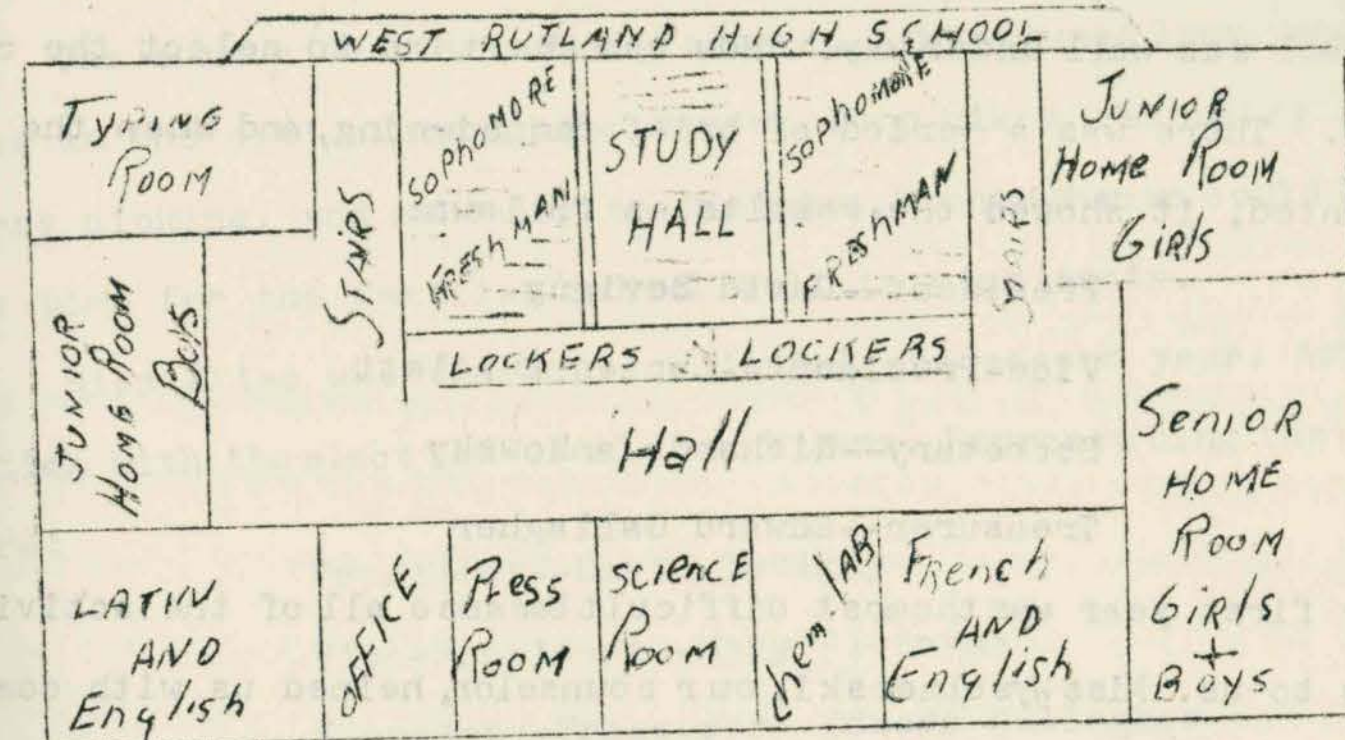
When we leave the commencement platform this evening, we will no longer be high school students dependent almost entirely upon others, but young men and women faced with the problems of taking our places in society and earning a livelihood in this world. We will now be ready to put to use the knowledge and experience we have gained these past four years.

We have now reached a vital turning point in our development; for what we will do, what we will set out to accomplish now that we will have graduated will be of tremendous importance concerning the success or failure of our future undertakings.

Because of the troubled conditions in the world to day, we really can not plan too far ahead, but we fully realize that we must now choose one of the many paths into the world open to us. Some may choose the business world, others the fields of education, science, etc., still others the government or military service, or any other of the many vocations. Whatever path, there is one thing we are certain of---Que Erimus, Nunc Fimus....What We Are To Be, We Are Now Becoming.

David Seigny.





'48-'49

We will all remember our first day as freshmen, that fine September day in nineteen hundred and forty-eight. We were a group of half-frightened youngsters, huddled together, not knowing what was ahead of us. Our upper classmen looked and laughed at us. We showed green through and through. Nevertheless, we had entered the doors of the beautiful West Rutland marble high school.

Before we had a chance to recover and settle down to the daily routine, we were taken completely by surprise by our elders, the sophomores. Lipstick was dabbed on our foreheads in the form of the letter "F", magnifying our yearling standing. Oh, yes, this was only the beginning of the freshman reception hazing program. No one was allowed to escape. Our clothes were turned inside out, silly "Kick me" signs on our backs, and castor-oil drinking feasts were performed. All of us somehow managed to survive.

The days became shorter, and the leaves turned a beautiful ~~brilliant~~ golden or a beautiful bright red. They fell silently earthward, telling us that Fall was well underway. Now was the time to select the class officers. There was a period of brief campaigning, and when the votes were counted, it showed the results as follows:

President--David Sevigny

Vice-President--Lucien Bartlett

Secretary--Richard Jankowsky

Treasurer--Edward Gallagher

Our first year was the most difficult because all of the activities were new to us. Miss Wysolmerski, our counselor, helped us with common, every-day problems that arose.

Our first year went by before we knew it. The Glee Club, directed by Miss Bliss presented a Spring Concert. Many students from the freshman class took part in the program and included Janet McGinley, Irene Kapusta, Elizabeth Hewitt, Mary Pietryka, Joan Lanthier, Anne Bishop, Alice Ann Fish, Beverly Ackley, Doris McIntyre, Henry Poplaski, Edward Gallagher, George Lane, Robert Herbert, and Stanley Sankowski. John McCormack sang a solo, "The Bells of St. Mary"; and Adele Stokes, "Let My Song Fill Your Heart." The concert was a huge success, and we hoped that we could have another one next year.

Many of the Freshmen boys tried out for basketball. Lucien Bartlett, Valentine Salengo, Henry Poplaski, and John McCormack were named to the squad. That year our high school team was beaten by St. Michael's in the Southern Tournament; but it paid well, and was determined to do better next year.

We were overwhelmed by the try outs in the prize speaking contest which is always held as part of the commencement week program. Surviving the try outs were Mary Pietryka with "Too Cute For Words" and David Sevigny's "The Absent Minded Professor." They gave commendable performances in their first dramatic attempts.

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'49-'50

The summer vacation was pleasant. It featured long vacation trips, dips in the ole' swimming hole, dances, long hikes, raspberry and blackberry picking, and canoeing on the lakes. Sooner than we could believe, it was time for the familiar school bell to ring again.

Miss Bliss was the advisor during our second year. Activity was in motion with the election of class officers. Representing the class of '52 were:

President--David Sevigny

Vice-President--Mary Pietryka

Secretary-Treasurer--Edward Gallagher

Two boys represented our class on the football squad, John McCormack and David Sevigny who were eager for duty throughout the whole fall season.

One fine cold day in November, a notice was posted on the bulletin board. Everyone was excited as it was time for the try outs for the Athletic Play, "For Pete's Sake." David Sevigny took the lead.

As soon as the play was completed, the boys and girls thought of basketball. Hard fighting Henry Poplaski made the first team. We went to Barre against a determined Northfield team. Perseverance, wonderful teamwork, and encouragement from the Green and Gold Cheerleaders, brought back a 45-42 victory and with it a beautiful trophy. It is displayed victoriously in the study hall. This was only the beginning of the basketball careers for our boys in the sophomore class.

At Christmas time the Glee Club presented a Christmas program in the study hall, directed by Miss Bliss. The same students were represented as last year. The girls were dressed alike in black skirts and white blouses, while the boys wore dark suits. John McCormack and Adele Stokes sang solos.

Of course, in the spring time, a young man's fancy turns to baseball, while the lassies' turns to the Home Economic Fashion Show with the many new creations in the parade. Those who made the baseball team were

Rutland Historical Society and the Rutland Free Library.

John McCormack and Henry Poplaski, They did a splendid job, showing everyone that they had the needed zip to be members of the varsity nine baseball team.

Again there was the buzzing around of excited voices, and people were hurrying back and forth. It was prize speaking time. Freshman, sophomores, juniors, and seniors were trying their luck. Again Mary Pietryka and David Sevigny represented us with great performances. A newcomer to the field captured the honor for the sophomores with "Fear God and Take Your Own Part" by Adele Stokes.

50-51

The close of Fair Week in the first week of September led to the long awaited moment of all of us. The thought of returning to school had long been imbued in everyone's mind. With the help of Mr. Hinchey and the other teachers, the school doors re-opened once more for our benefits.

After a few weeks of settling down, class elections were held with the results being listed as follows:

President--Richard Bucky

Vice-President--Robert Herbert

Secretary-Treasurer--John McCormack

The fall season also brought about the football season. A formidable array of junior material made Mr. Hinchey's varsity squad. With the help of such seasoned veterans as John McCormack, George Lane, and other astute gridgers, the West Side Gridmen drove to a winning season in Marble Valley play.

The end of the football schedule brought around the basketball season. With the Vermont Class "B" trophy once more in sight, a number of junior hoopsters answered Mr. Hinchey's roll call. Those on

the varsity squad were Henry Poplaski, Val Salengo, Lucien Bartlett, and John McCormack. The Vermont "B" crown once more remained in the hands of the West Siders.

Mr. Robillard's annual call was sent out to those who wished to participate in the Athletic Association Play. With the help of such capable actors and actresses as Dave Sevigny, Mary T. Pietryka, Adele Stokes, and Anne Bishop, the play "What A Life," the story of Henry Aldrich was a huge success.

Baseball became the main topic for the boys when April rolled around. A winning season was foreseen and through the undaunted efforts of Juniors, John McCormack, Luke Bartlett, and Hank Poplaski, a tie for the leader in the Marble Valley League resulted.

David Sevigny, our Junior Class representative in the Annual Prize Speaking Contest, won the boys' honor with his rendition of "An American Citizen."

51-52

The long awaited moment had finally arrived. We were at last full-pledged seniors and had the distinction of being looked up to by the underclassmen. What a thrill it afforded to all of us!

Senior Class elections were held after a few weeks of grappling with the books and final tabulations were as follows:

President--Henry Poplaski

Vice-President--John Hyjek

Treasurers--Mary T. Pietryka and John McCormack

Football roared around once more and a huge array of seniors represented the varsity squad this time. According to Mr. Hinchey, a dismal season was afforded the West Side gridsters because of a poor Marble Valley Loop showing.

A Dance Committee was selected and numerous dances were held on each Friday night during the fall term. The seniors did a swell job of maintaining the affairs.

Basketball topped the discussions once again as December arrived. With the aid of Poplaski, Salengo, and Bartlett who comprised the first five, a fine showing in the Southern Vermont Loop was evidenced and the Vermont Class "B" crown remained in West Rutland.

The Senior Play, "Seventeen is Terrific," under the direction of Mr. Robillard, was held in the month of May. Seven girls and five boys headed the cast which included Mary T. Pietryka, Adele Stokes, Alice Ma Doris McIntyre, Joan Ricard, Jane Broza, and Anne Bishop from the female point of view. The male Thespians were John McCormack, David Sevigny, Frank Reznik, Joseph Smyrski, and Richard Buckey. The play was well received by large audiences.

Baseball held the spotlight in April. With the return of Poplaski, Bartlett, and McCormack a winning season was enjoyed by the Golden Horde.

In early June, the annual Prize Sneaking Contest was held. John McCormack was the only senior to represent the Class of '52.

Now, we are on the threshold of graduating into future success. May that formidable step be taken by all of the graduating Class of 1952.



Henry



Pauline



Joe



Doris



Anne



Alice



Joan



Jane



Gloria



Mary



Joan



Jean



John



Stan



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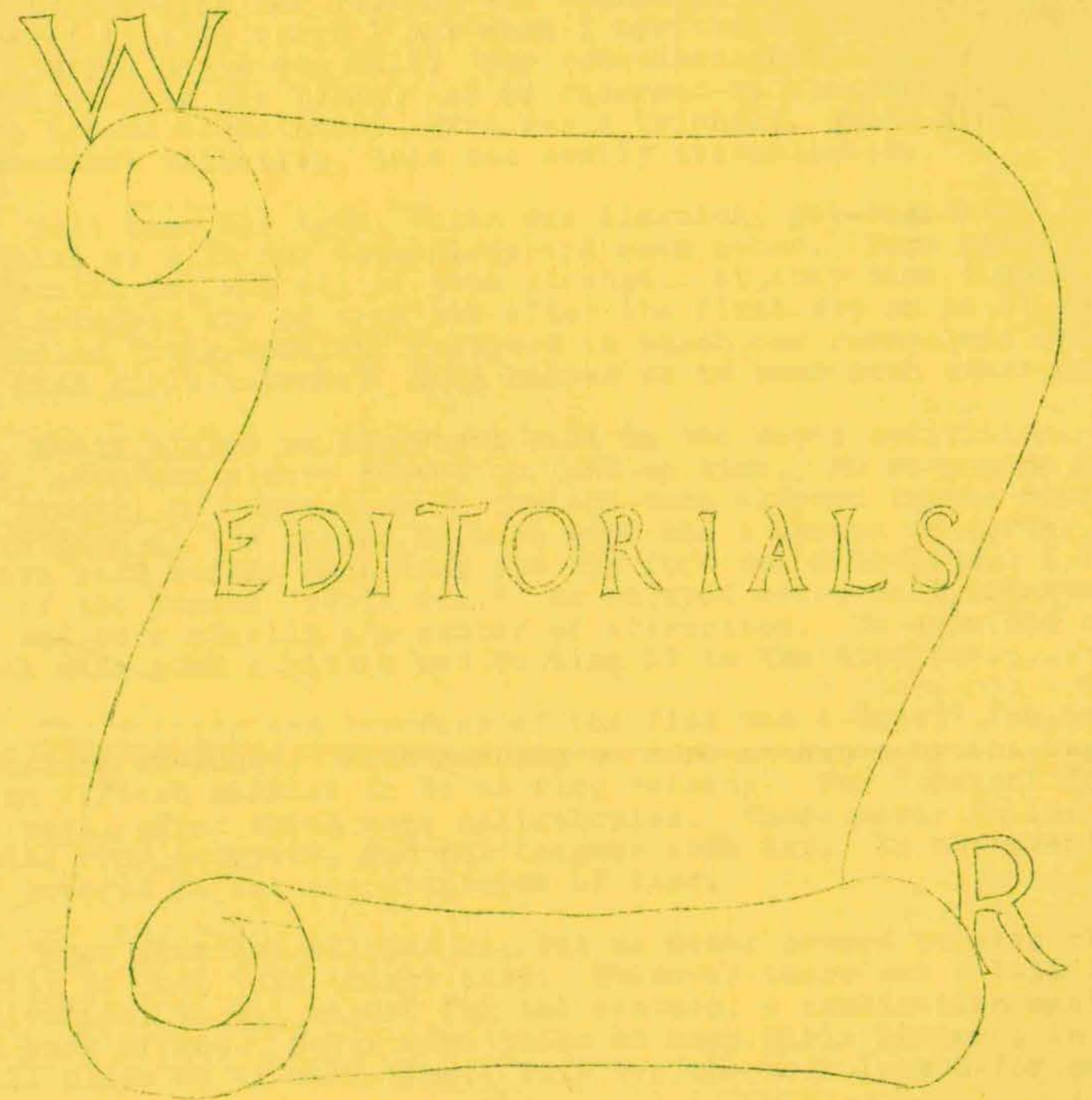
Nancy



Hettie



Lucy



Each year the American Legion Auxiliary of West Rutland sponsors a high school junior to attend the Girls State Convention. Last June I was elected by my classmates to represent West Rutland High School. During the week long conferences I learned many of the mechanics of good government, co-operation among individuals, and I became more aware of our need for understanding the problems which confront the young people of today: the voters and citizens of tomorrow.

Preparation for leaving was confusion in itself, but it was nothing compared to that which I met when I arrived at Vermont Junior College, where Girls State was held. Our schedules and rooms were assigned, and a medical exam was taken. As we returned to the dormitories all room-mates became acquainted. Mine was a friendly, quiet girl and since I am somewhat talkative, this was easily accomplished.

Next came our town, which was Simanton, get-together. This was to acquaint us with our counselors and each other. More names and faces confronted me, and all of them strange. At that time I wondered how I'd ever remember any of them but after the first day or so it was easy. A so-called "brag-session" followed in which our counselors tried to bring out each girls talents. This helped us to know each other much better.

Meals played an important part in the day's activities. No matter what, everyone always showed up, and on time. We were made to dress for dinner, no bobby pins or curlers were allowed in the dining hall. We rotated at the tables so each girl had a chance to serve. Grace was always said before each meal and the food was delicious. I was a member of the famous "Table Six." We enjoyed every meal, started all singing and were usually the center of attraction. We even had our song which made such a hit we had to sing it to the director.

The raising and lowering of the flag was a "must" for everyone, directors included. Each morning we were awakened by the bugler and given fifteen minutes to be at flag raising. The "thought for the day" was read, after which came calisthenics. These never failed to produce groans from everyone, and got tougher each day. In the evening the flag was lowered to the accompaniment of taps.

Free time was allotted us, but we never seemed to have the opportunity to just take things easy. Whenever there was a lull in the day's activities, we all headed for the canteen, a combination meeting place and post office. Never were there so many girls gathered in such a small place as at mail-time. This was the most looked-for event of the day.

Various means of recreation such as tennis, baseball, bowling, and others took up some of our spare moments. An indoor tournament was held one day between the various counties. Basketball proved to be the most popular, but most of the girls participated in the various games. The remaining free time was used for rest, or anything else one wished to do.

Lights Out, which was usually ten or ten-thirty was something no one looked forward to. It took quite a while for the dormitories to quiet down after the final signal. I will never forget the nights I sat on my windowsill, keeping my day's notes and writing letters by the street-light outside my window! For the majority, bedtime was much, much later than "Lights Out."

Initiation ceremonies were held the night of our arrival. We were all welcomed and the various instructors introduced to us. A most im-

pressive Candlelight Service then took place. Each girl was given a lighted candle and we recited the Girls' State Pledge and Creed for Youth in unison. These gave our pledges of honor as Girl Staters and youths of today. The sight of all these girls, unknown to each other a few hours ago, yet now united in a common purpose, made a deep and lasting impression.

Politics constituted a great deal of time and interest at Girls' State. None of us being of age, we had never participated in anything like this. Voting seemed such a common thing to us, something everyone did when he reached the age of twenty-one. We never realized what a privilege it was and how important that we should use it carefully and thoughtfully. The necessity of voting correctly was outlined to us clearly at Girls State. All ballots used were those used in regular general, primary, and town elections. Office seeking also was carried on as in regular elections.

In order to be eligible for office, we were required to file petitions bearing the required number of signatures. The petitions had to be in and approved at a specific deadline. Then came the campaign oratory. Anyone desiring a state office was required to make a two minute speech. The candidates then were required to voice their stands and purposes. The next day primaries were held in the respective towns with the procedure like that of a regular election. Those emerging victorious in this election had to make another speech the same night only this time stating the platform their party was taking. Those vying for office as independents were required to file immediately following the primaries. The general election was held the next day with the Nationalists and Federalists sharing honors with three of each party gaining the respective offices.

Inaugural Ceremonies were held the following night. The retiring governor addressed the gathering after which the oath was administered to the newly elected executives by the Chief Justice. Our governor gave the inaugural address and presented the various Girls State officers. A reception in honor of the officials was held, bringing elections to a close.

Town meetings were the most interesting part of government, in that the problems were ones concerning our interests, and those of our towns. Some things, such as levying a tax of two cents on five cent cokes sold in the canteen and obtaining screens for the windows, were introduced but could not be passed. Others, like having waste baskets on each floor, picking a day, a year hence, when we would return for a reunion, writing a farewell song, and eating watermelon (which we had left over from a little party the night before,) were acted upon at these meetings. These were fun and everyone took part.

The Senate and House of Representatives held a session each morning. We were required to attend either one or the other of these meetings. These were held true to form, with bills introduced and debated. The consolidation of Vermont schools was one of the main issues. These meetings were not run without feeling and excitement. In order to pass a bill the Senate and House each had to pass on the measure; but if the House failed to pass a bill the Senate had introduced and really wanted, chances were the Senate would not approve one introduced by the House. Meetings like this usually included everyone, but outside the sessions these feelings were soon forgotten.

Court Day was a big one for us. The day before we had been instructed about the procedures of a real court, and were confronted with an actual case. The only thing lacking was an actual verdict. The next

day the case proceeded under the direction of Cpl. Richard Curtiss, of the Department of Public Service. A judge, district attorney, witnesses, jury and everything necessary to the case was in evidence. It was carried out very realistically and made us realize the values of law enforcement and order. This introduced court procedures to many of us for the first time.

Entertainment and recreation were well provided for at Girls State. The program was varied so as to include everyone. The first night, our counselors, to prove what good sports they were, put on various skits for our entertainment. Everyone got a "charge", so to speak, from watching the performances. Then, on two occasions, the towns in each county put on skits of their own before assembly. There was the Glee Club, to which anyone could belong who could either sing or play an instrument. We had an excellent teacher and Thursday evening we made a tape recording of an half hour program.

Later on in the evening at our "pajama party" (this was a favor given us at which each town and its counselors held their own party, and more time was added to lights out) we heard the rebroadcast over a Burlington station. This was quite a thrill to hear ourselves on radio! Of course, we also had our own "private" parties and gab sessions. We would all meet in one of the girl's rooms, usually after hours, and then what a time! Someone would be posted as lookout, so we all could get under cover if a counselor should appear. One memorable night, most of our town was in one room when our counselor made her nightly check. Everyone made a mad dash for closets, beds, behind doors, under beds, anywhere so we wouldn't be seen. Then another night we held a "spook" session. A lighted candle was placed on the floor and we all gathered around and told ghost stories. It was quite a relief when the lights went on again! Last but not least, was the dance at Boys State. We were guests of the boys and what excitement and confusion prevailed. Can you imagine thirty girls all wanting to take a shower, use their mirrors, iron and board, and everything else all at once! Finally, we were ready and departed for Norwich Armory, where we had a wonderful time. Goodnight Gentlemen came too soon for most of us.

Our trip to the Capitol was the perfect ending to the week's activities. We made a tour of the building and then filed in and occupied our town representatives seats while our Congress held a session. The group was addressed by Governor Lee Emerson, who wished us luck and success in the future. Later, we toured National Life Insurance Company and Redstone State Police Building.

We held our final assembly Saturday morning, and the various awards and presentations were made amidst many tears. Our last flag lowering took place and then came the parting from the many friends I had made and will never forget.

Before closing I would like to mention a few Vermont notables that spoke before us. These included: Mrs. Consuelo Bailey of Burlington, a member of the Vermont Legislature; Col. James Mitchell, State Deputy Director Civil Defense; Mr. Howard Armstrong, Secretary of State; and Maj. Gen. Merritt Edson, USMC, Commissioner of Public Safety.

My experience as a Girl Stater taught me many things, but the most important was that no matter if we are scattered throughout the state, we are still united by common problems and ideas. Several times we settled down to serious discussions and the main topics were the sale of liquor and narcotics to teen-agers; teen-age driving; whether drivers' training should be compulsory; and the consolidation of Vermont schools. These were main issues all over the state, not just in one little place.

like West Rutland. By having the opportunity to discuss them freely and openly and hearing the view points of others, we are making the future of our state a brighter one. In a few short years we shall be adults, and active in government and deeply concerned with such vital problems. It was our first step in learning the importance of a democratic way of life.

HOW A LITTLE WORK HELPED ME IN MANY WAYS

All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. The opposite of that old saying is true also. Moderation between work and play can help everyone. I have heard discussions among people both for and against this subject. Some folks argue that a young person should not work because it will injure his health and stunt his growth. Others argue that children who are not bright in school are working outside of school. I have my own experience as proof of how moderate work can help everyone.

Work around our home taught me how to be reliable. Coming from a family of eleven, I certainly had plenty of things to do around home. When I was ten years old, I mastered the art of milking our family cow. I had already learned how to shovel coal, feed the pigs and chickens, fill the oil jug, weed the garden, clean the garage, attic, or cellar, mow the lawn, plant flowers, and do other little tasks with reliability. I became responsible for each of these tasks in its turn as faithfully as I possibly could. I always got a thrill out of showing my friends how much milk the old bossy gave or how neatly the yard was cleaned.

Being a member of a large family, I learned to co-operate and be obedient in doing the work around home. Co-operating with my brothers and sisters made hard work much easier. If ten rows of carrots and beets had to be weeded, five of us could do two rows each in a very short time. I think this example of co-operation saved many aching backs. This method of doing our work prevented many arguments over who was going to do what and who wasn't. If I failed to be obedient, I was sure to hear about it and pay for it. In our household there is no excuse for negligence. One Sunday morning I negligently put off feeding the chickens until after church. Somehow my father found out that I hadn't fed the chickens. He told me that as long as I let the chickens wait for their breakfast that I was going to wait until night for my lunch. That taught me a lesson, for I could work just as hard at the table as anywhere else. They say I'm a good worker.

Learning how to divide my time for work and play was a real problem. When I was attending grades five, six, seven and eight, I was a very busy boy. I allowed myself certain time limits for work and play. As regularly as the sun rose in the East, I arose at five-thirty and did my duties before going to school. After school I allotted myself time enough to play and do my duties before supper. After supper, I prepared my homework for the following day. On weekends I used my leisure time to play or other activities.

In high school I learned that work is a preparation for the future. Many students became lazy when they were not forced to do their schoolwork as in elementary school. Independence in school preparation is an outstanding characteristic of high school. If students are not self-reliant in school they face the future as confused and dependent citizens.

Class organization taught me how to be a good and useful citizen. At class meetings I nominated, not just friends but those who I believed best fit for the position of class officers. As Treasurer of the Class of '52, I was entrusted with the responsibility of taking up collection for the sick and unfortunate members of the class. All the school organizations such as the Green and Gold magazine staff proved very valuable experience for me.

Athletics in high school taught me many good character traits. The underlying principles of sports in high school, of course, are fair play and good sportsmanship. Playing football was a new kind of work

for me. At the beginning of the season, I suffered through the agonizing late summer heat to toughen my body for the coming season. All the football players obtained physical co-ordination and everyone had a tremendous appetite after practice. One of the most outstanding characteristics of high school athletics is courage; courage to get up and drive yourself on when every one of your muscles in your body aches with exhaustion. In basketball and baseball I learned the traits of quick thinking and co-operation. Public appearances with minstrels and concerts gave me a great deal of self-confidence. All my high school athletic activities resulted in a gratifying satisfaction desired from hard work.

Two summers' work at a resort occasioned many new and some challenging experiences. I had often heard people talk of being homesick but when I left home, homesickness really hit me hard. I wanted to give up my job, but when I got acquainted with the resort and the people there, I liked it very much. During the summer an epidemic of intestinal grip, "The Bomoseen bug," caused half of the help to be sick. Once again I learned to co-operate in an emergency. I worked as a waiter, bellhop, dishwasher, laundry man, and just about everything but the hotel manager. "The Bomoseen bug" certainly resulted in an exceedingly interesting experience for me. During my first summer at the resort, I worked as a dish washer. A dish washing partner and I calculated the dishes we had washed during the summer. We came to the amazing total of 360,000 dishes! My Mother hasn't asked me to wash a dish since. The following summer I was promoted to bellhop, which was the best job the resort had to offer; therefore, I learned to value good workmanship very highly.

Enjoying the lake with all its splendor gave me relief from the day's work. After work I would lie in the sun and swim in the warm lake water. On Thursday and Saturday nights, name bands, such as Gene Krupa, Les Brown and Burns Martin played at the lakeshore dance hall. Some of my most thrilling experiences occurred on the lake shore with a pretty girl watching the moon reflect on the water and the strange but beautiful Northern Lights.

I received many material benefits from working at the summer resort. During the two summers I earned \$700, which was exempt from Federal Income Tax because it was earned as tips for service. If value could be placed on friendship, I would certainly be a rich boy. I was fortunate to have met many kinds of people, rich and poor, white and black, good and bad people from near and far.

I have come to the conclusion that a little work can help everyone in many ways. I believe from my own experience that working takes away some of the habit-forming evils of idleness. Young people who have nothing to do often fall into bad company. They try to be sociable and are seen smoking and sometimes drinking. I think young people would soon learn the value of money if they had to exert a little effort for it. Smoking, drinking, and running around at night with bad company are things which put young boys and girls in T. B. sanatoriums. The basic conclusion, therefore, is that a little work can never hurt anyone. It will help one to become strong mentally and physically and ultimately build character.



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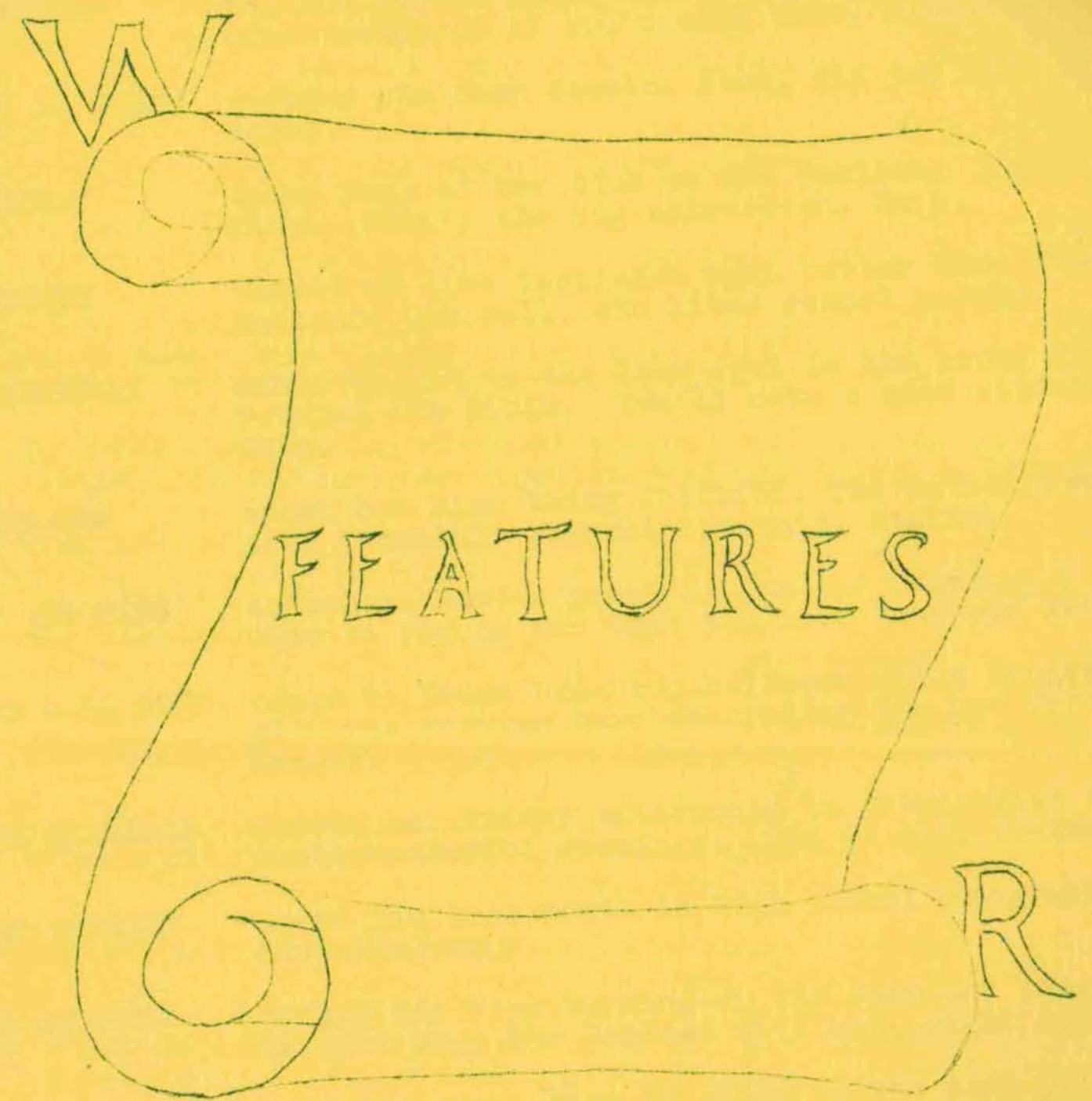
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PASTIMES

- NANCY BAKER spent much time at Bartlett's. With Theresa of course.
- LUCIEN BARTLETT spent most of his time teasing people. Wherever was Lukie, there was laughter.
- ANNE BISHOP was the senior class number one speed-queen. We often wondered if you'd come back, Anne.
- STANLEY BREZNICK enjoyed the deer season. Stan, did you bag that deer?
- JANE BROZA spent much of her time at the Poultney Valley Club. What's the big attraction, Jane.
- DICK BUCKEY seemed to like Castleton much better than West Rutland. Oh well, who likes school anyway.
- DEAN CROSSMAN liked to sit in the last seat in the study hall reading the Bible. You'll make a good minister, Dean.
- PAULINE CYR spent her time being faithful. The United States Army certainly appreciates this, Pauline.
- ALICE ANN FISH seemed to have a great liking for watching T V. What do you do now that you have your own set.
- EDWARD GALLAGHER could be found breaking balloons while everyone else was working hard decorating the gym for the dances.
- JO-ANN GILLIGAN passed her Friday afternoons in preparation for those wonderful evenings. Did it help Jo-Ann?
- ROBERT HERBERT spent his last month in high school autographing his name cards.
- BETTE HEWITT passed her time burning up the Fairmont Raceway. We hear that the Pontiac will move right along.
- JOHN HYJEK used his spare time by going to the post office to see if there was any mail from Chatham, N.Y.
- DICK JANIKOSKY could be found playing basketball in "Chipper's Stadium." That's a good way to spend your time, Buck.
- LUCY JANIKOWSKI spent her time planning for Albany Business College, which she hopes to attend next year. No special reason is there, Lucy?
- IRENE KAPUSTA was the senior class number one joker. There was never a quiet moment with Irene around.

JANE KREMPA had fun in secretarial practice planning for her honeymoon. Did you decide on Buffalo, Jane?

GEORGE LANE enjoyed cruising around in his car, especially around the upper part of Pleasant Street.

JOHN LANTHIER used to run for the phone every time it rang at school. Was it a certain party from Rutland, Joan?

JOHN MCCORMACK could be found looking for a date on Sunday afternoons. The ring John's been wearing shows he's found himself a steady date.

DORIS MCINTYRE loved Chemistry Class. George never could hear well, could he, Doris?

JAMES McNAMARA put his free time to good use. Jimmy will be an excellent carpenter by the time he graduates.

GLORIA MCNEIL kept her waistline down by making those long trips to Boardman Hill. Just think of all the exercise you would miss by having a car.

JOAN OSKOSKI was usually seen but not heard. More of us should have followed your example, Joan.

MARY PIETRZYKA spent her time talking. Need we say more huh?

HENRY POPIASKI tried to keep his mind on basketball only, but the women in his life seemed to interfere with his thoughts.

FRANCIS REZNIK was always trying to overcome his shyness. Did you succeed, Frank?

JOAN RICARD often wondered what keeping house for a priest would be like. We wonder what Dave would think on this subject.

VALVIE S. LENGO spent his time in front of Bill's Friendly Store. We can't imagine why.

STANLEY SANKOWSKI kept up with the latest fashions in men's clothes throughout his four years in high school.

DAVID SEVIGNY could be found "parked" by Bill's Store. Bill's business seems to be booming all of a sudden.

JOSEPH SMYRSKI was seen racing out "West" in his sister's car every Saturday night. We wonder why?

ADELE STOKES took a very sudden interest in Modern History. It was too bad they never had him as a student teacher, Adele.

FRANNIE WASIK used to spend her time waiting for a black Pontiac with a rattle to go by.

PRESENTATIONS

NANCY BAKER a bottle of growing pills. You've never changed much Nancy. Maybe this will help you a little.

LUCIEN BARTLETT a membership card to the Blah Blah Club. We always wondered where you learned to talk like that.

ANNE BISHOP a diamond ring. This will make up for the disappointment at Christmas time.

STAN BREZNICK a bottle of shoe polish. We always want your shoes to look as nice as they did in school, Stan.

JANE BROZA a one way ticket to Virginia. Now you can keep your eye on the Navy, Jane.

DICK BUCKY a table to take to the Castleton Library for your own use. Those were the good old days, weren't they Dick?

DEAN CROSSMAN a toy cow. To keep you from being lonesome at college.

PAULINE CYR a "never fail" fountain pen so you can keep the Army happy, Pauline.

ALICE FISH a copy of the Better Homes and Gardens. This is just a glimpse into the future, Alice Anne.

EDDIE GALLAGHER a gold basketball. You really should have one to replace the one you "lost."

JOANNE GILLIGAN a date book. After all you had a different date every week. It would be rather embarrassing to get them mixed up.

ROBERT HERBERT a legal deed making you official manager at "Buggy's." Now you can really run the place.

BETTE HEWITT a pilot's license. You really should have one after some of those flying trips you took, Liz.

JOHN HYJEK a bus ticket to Chatham, N.Y. We know how much you like it there, Fish.

LUCY JANKOWSKI a joke book. You got off some rare ones at times, didn't you, Lucy?

DICK JANKOWSKI a toupe. We always did wonder what you looked like in long hair, Dick.

IRENE KAPUSTA a comb. Now you won't have to borrow everybody's, Irene.

JANE KREMPA a rolling pin to start housekeeping. Remember Jane, it can serve two purposes.

GEORGE LAKE a watch. You never were on time for school were you Dillinger? What's the trouble? Yours broken?

JOAN LANTHIER here's a driver's license, Joan. You've been so nervous about going for it. Now your worries are over.

JOHN McCORMACK here's some bobby pins, Jiggs. Just in case those curls ever straighten out.

DORIS McINTYRE here is a big bottle of relaxing pills. You always did get so excited over your school work.

GLORIA McNEIL a car. You need something to give you a rest from walking to Boardman Hill so many times.

JAMES McNAMARA a couple of nails. Now you can be an official member of the McNamara & McNamara Carpenters' Association, Jimmy.

JOAN OSKOSKI a roisemaker, Joannie. You were always so quiet.

MARY PIETRYKA Mary, we think this roulette will be handy. I wonder who will be the lucky number.

HENRY POPLASKI a book entitled, "How to Keep From Getting Caught," written by the W.R.H.S. girls. Need we say more?

FRANK REZNICK a book of sports to remind you of all the times you wrote them for the Green & Gold.

JOAN RICARD a book entitled, "Housekeeping For a Little Priest." You might find some use for it, Joan.

VALVIE SALENGO a "Ricard" of, "Be My Love." Cute eh, Valvie?

SONNY SANKOWSKI a book on the latest fashions in men's clothes so you'll be able to keep up your good appearance.

DAVID SEVIGNY a "Reserved" sign to put on the street in front of Bill's store. After all, someone might take your space, Dave.

JOE SMYRSKI a horse, so your cowboy boots won't look out of place.

ADELE STOKES a pencil. We know you'll be needing one after all the fan mail you used to read first period.

FRANNIE WASIK a little blue car. This is to remind you of the blue Ford that used to come from Pittsford, Fran.

PRESENTATIONS

MISS HINCHEY- a "Quiet, Please" sign. You can save yourself a lot of talking next year, Miss Hincney.

MR. ROBILLARD- a piece of cheese cloth to clean your glasses. Now you can save on your neck ties, Mr. Robillard.

MR. HINCHEY- a water pistol. After all you should have the equipment to match some of the boys.

MISS BRIGMAN- a megaphone. Now you won't have to holler so loud in the study hall.

MISS CROWLEY- a round trip ticket to N.Y. She always liked to spend her weekends in the big city.

MR. SEVIGNY- a package of grass seed for the lawn of his new home. You buy the lawnmower now, Mr. Sevigny.

MR. ZAMISTOSKI- a batch of putty to fill in the rust spots on his car. Got to give it the new look, Zowie.

MISS PLISS- some powder. Just in case you should ever get another black eye.

MISS ALLARD- a lunch box so you will not have to carry your lunch in a paper bag.

CLASS WILL

- NANCY BAKER bequeaths her ability to help the boys with their bookkeeping to any girl who can fulfill it.
- LUCIEN BARTLETT wills his basketball shoes to Ray Pluta. Let's hope Ray fills those size 10's as well as Lukie did.
- ANNE BISHOP cedes the title of Captain Courageous to the future captains of the cheering squad. Buck up girls it's not so bad after all.
- STANLEY BPEZNIK gives his ability to take care of the roads to young Duma Werchenski. You may need the experience in the future, Duma.
- JANE BROZA bestows on Barbara Porter the spirit of dancing. Here is a little bit of advice, Barb,---take rumba lessons.
- RICHARD BUCKEY passes along his Castleton Teacher's College girl friends to Charlie Blanchard. We hope they don't cause you to be absent as often as they did Dick.
- DEAN CROSSMAN gives his dancing case to Sammy Breznik. We hope Sammy gives the girls as much of a thrill as Deandid. Dean always said Sammy could take over where he left off.
- PAULINE CYE hands down her shorthand ability to Kathleen Mumford.
- ALICE ANN FISH endows her man-trap technique to her sister, Beverly. Easy come, easy go.
- EDWARD GALLAGHER leaves Mary Jane to the junior boys. Be careful, boys you all know the strength of MIGHTY MOUSE.
- JO-ANN GILLIGAN isn't willing. She doesn't want to part with anything she has.
- ROBERT HERBERT wills his ability to answer in math class to any one who can study as little and answer as much as he did.
- BETTE HEWITT leaves her Algebra II angles to Tessy Hyjek. You've got a good start already, Tess.
- JOHN HYJEK bequeaths his nickname "Fish" to anyone who can swim as well as he can. But we hope there is a life-guard around when you try to fulfill this task.
- LUCY JANKOWSKI relinquishes her flashy sweater to Frances Hyjek. Now they'll see you coming, "Goober".
- RICHARD JANKOWSKY leaves his curly toupe to Johnny Petty. We all hope it becomes you as much as it did Dick.

IRENE KAPUSTA leaves her idea of basketball stardom to her sister, Mary.

JANE KREMPA leaves her boyish manner to Veronica Razanoski. Trout season starts in May, Veronica.

GEORGE LANE hands down his share of the Clarendon Avenue Transportation Line to Mr. Sevigny. Now there won't be any competition on the Avenue.

JOAN LANTHIER hands down her sister to Mr. Hinchey. Don't worry, Mr. Hinchey, she still has one more year before high school.

JOHN McCORMACK wills his art of giving all the girls a thrill to anyone with equal romantic charm.

DORIS MCINTYRE bequeaths her ride home with her brother to Joanne Egan. Now, don't forget, Joanne, he can't go Over 40.

JAMES McNAMARA leaves his height to Stubby Lincoln. We figure Stubby should reach Jimmy's chest by 1999.

GLORIA McNEIL transfers her long walk home to Dorothy Covalt. Gloria makes it home in time for supper. We are sure that you will do the same, Dorothy.

JOAN OSKOSKI presents her saying, "Is that right?" to anyone who doesn't believe it.

MARY TERESA PIETRYKA imparts her gift of chattering to Doreen Kupferer. As long as you don't take advantage of this legacy, Doreen, you won't have to worry about getting a seat in study hall.

HENRY POPLASKI bequeaths a set of bar bells and a medicine ball to Walt Gill. Poppy's short, husky build should be an inspiration to you, Walt.

FRANCIS REZNIK donates a lock of his hair to Edward Lewis. We hope Ed takes as good care of it as Franny did.

JOAN RICARD yields her lady-like manner to Elsa Johnson. If at first you don't succeed, try and try again.

VALENTINE SALENGO wills his ability to trap Arlesian minks to his brother, "Frankie." We all think Valvie did O. K.

STANLEY SANKOWSKI wills his managerial talents to "Beaver" Orzech. Baldy always did keep those shoes well shined.

DAVID SEVIGNY gives his nickname "Slim" to Tommy Litswan. Everyone agrees Tommy is well qualified for the name.

JOSEPH SMYRSKI wills his bright yellow sport shirt to Peppy Vaccarella. Now Peppy can be seen and not heard.

ADELE STOKES endows her parking place behind the school to Bernice Wilk. For your car, that is.

FRANCES WASIK donates her hard-to-get attitude to Ruth Lengol. You have fulfilled the position for three years, Ruthie, the boys are hoping you'll give them a break in the senior year.

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CLASS PROPHECY

This is 1972. I turned on the television the other night to Channel 5, Station WRHS, West Rutland, Vermont, and received the surprise of my life when I heard Joe Smyrski, a member of the class of '52 announcing the "John McCormack Hour." John, you know has been enjoying a complete sellout of his latest record, "Too Bad."

Among the people who appeared on his program were Henry Poplaski, the well-known shortstop for the Brooklyn Dodgers and with him his ever faithful batboy, Eddie Gallagher. Also present were Lucien Bartlett, the famous pitcher for the Rutland Royals and the famous Metropolitan Opera Star, Adele Stokes. When she is not on professional tour, she teaches music at her studio on Marble Street.

Midway through the program, two American Red Cross representatives, Doris McIntyre and Joan Lanthier, presented a moving skit, dramatizing the great need for blood donations. Francis Wasik and Stanley Sankowski, co-stars in Hollywood's latest extravaganza, "There'll Come A Time," kindly donated their talents to this worthy cause. To provide comic relief after this intense drama, Anne Bishop, Dr. Wysolmerski's secretary, entertained with a few medical anecdotes, which really put the audience in a gala mood.

The entire show was celebrating its 25th year on television; consequently, the camera went backstage to pick up the production line as well as the performers. Sure enough, there was James McNamara, too shy to make a front stage appearance, but nonetheless, overseeing the fabulous stage sets which he had designed especially for this show. He has made quite a name for himself as a designer and architect as well. James was quietly talking to

two of the busiest people thereabouts; Joan Oskoski and Gloria McNeil had set up a portable beauty salon and were setting hair and doing all the make-up for the other notables in the cast.

In the advertising section of the show, I was surprised to see the world-famous Bette Hewitt, modeling clothes for Saks, and the advertisement for Valentine Salengo's Mink Coats.

As the camera switched to the audience, right in the front row, I could see Alice Ann Fish and her husband, the renowned Senator from Vermont, Frank Reznik. And right next to them were Jane Broza and her husband, Stanley Bresnick, who was celebrating his recent election as West Rutland Road Commissioner. Conspicuously present also was that sure-fire salesman from Brand's Second Hand Furniture Store, George Lane. I also noticed Jane Krempa, President Eisenhower's private secretary and Lieut. John Hyjek of the United States Air Force with his fiancée Sergeant Irene Kapusta of the WACS.

Mary Teresa Pietryka, the president of Woolworth's and Company, and Vice President Pauline Cyr, were interviewed on the show and could talk of nothing but a brand new lavender Cadillac convertible which the company had given them. They were accompanied by Jo-Ann Gilligan, the floor lady at Kazen's Shop.

The whole show that evening was in honor of Father David Sevigny and Sister Mary Joan Ricard who are on their way to Rome to partake in the Pilgrimage.

At the end of the program, two men entered and robbed the cashiers, Nancy Baker and Lucy Jankowski. The doormen, Dean Crossman and Dick Jankosky, captured the bandits, who were none other than Dick Buckey and Robert Herbert, two of our former classmates.

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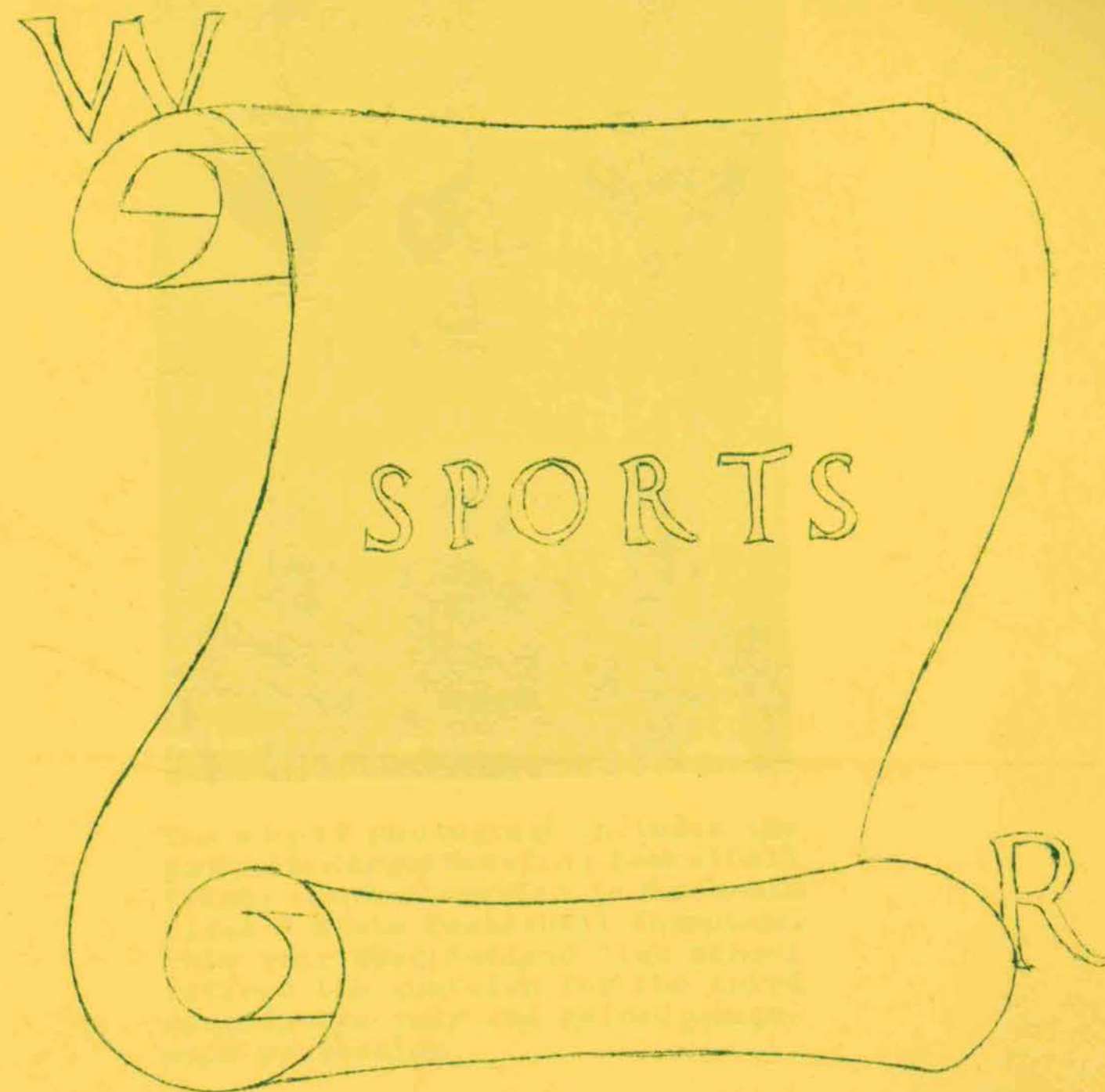
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The above photograph includes the Montpelier Argus Rotating Basketball Trophy (center) awarded to the Vermont Class B State Basketball Champions. This year West Rutland High School retired the gonfalon for the third consecutive year and gained permanent possession.

Flanking the Argus Trophy on either side are the 1951 and 1952 Vermont Headmasters awards emblematic of the State Schoolboy crowns won by the Golden Horde.



First Row: C. Siwichi. L. Bartlett, Capt. H. Poplaski, V. Salengo, F. Breznik.

Second Row: Mgr. D. Seigny, E. Gallagher, G. Lengol, R. Herbert, K. Handley, Coach F. Hinchey.

	W.R.	Opp.
Alumni	54	
Pittsford	48	39
Fair Haven	75	44
Proctor	59	32
Pittsford	53	47
Poultney	58	51
Proctor	43	26
Poultney	50	40
Bellows Falls	40	25
M. S. J.	39	47
Brattleboro	71	56
Rutland	37	30
Springfield	48	35
Bennington	55	54
St. Michael's	72	37
M. S. J.	40	46
Brattleboro	62	42
Rutland	47	40
Springfield	67	50
Bennington	54	44
St. Michael's	45	56
Bellows Falls	44	21
		53

BASKETBALL SEASON

The West Rutland High School basketball squad continued to dominate one-third of the schoolboy cage picture in 1952 by capturing the state B championship for the third consecutive year and the seventh time in the last eight years. The tournament totals in the lengthy supremacy show West Rutland amassing a grand total of 23 victories and one defeat, an enviable record in any competition.

Coach Frank Hinchey issued his annual call to hoop candidates late in November and was faced with another full scale rebuilding program made necessary by the loss of three starters and four reserves from last year's title winning combine.

After varsity and junior varsity squads were selected, Mr. Hinchey sent his boys through lengthy drills for a two-fold reason in the oncoming season. First, that the Horde would strive to improve their .500 percentage in the Southern Vermont League and then attempt to establish themselves as once more the Vermont Class "B" champion.

The Golden Horde opened the '51-52 schedule against Poultney Proctor, Fair Haven, and Pittsford and went undefeated. Seven wins were notched against quintets which later represented the Marble Valley League. The varsity also notched a victory in the annual game against the Alumni.

West Rutland opened S.V.L. season losing to Bellows Falls, 47-41. A strong Mt. St. Joseph entry ended a long basketball famine with a 59-57 decision over the Hincheymen. A dismal season was foreseen by the W.R. Prognosticators, but the Horde pulled itself up by the bootstraps and ran wild to notch wins over such teams as Rutland, Bennington, Brattleboro, and St. Michael's.

The West Siders managed to register a .500 percentage in league play and entered the Southern Class "B" tourney with an overall record of 15 wins and seven losses. For the second straight year Vergennes was pitted against West Side in the opening round of the tourney, and once again they went down to the offensive might of W.R., 54-53. North Bennington, undefeated in regular season competition, faced the West Side quintet in the finals of the Southern "B" tourney and was trampled, 60-35. This was the first time that the Governors had ever entered the "B" classic. West Rutland not only managed to win the tourney, but also placed three boys, Henry Poplaski, Lucien Bartlett, and Valentine Salengo on the All-Tourney team. All boys are seniors.

At Middlebury the "give and go" tactics of the Horde wrecked the hopes of Northfield in the Vt. "B" finals for the second time

in 3 years. The score this year read 47-41 with the West Siders on the long-count of the scoring.

By winning the Vt. "B" title for the third successive year the Horde put out of "rotation" the Montpelier Argus Rotating Trophy and became the Vt. "B" champ for the seventh year out of the last eight. This ran the victory string to 23 victories and but one defeat in the long period domination.

CLASS B STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

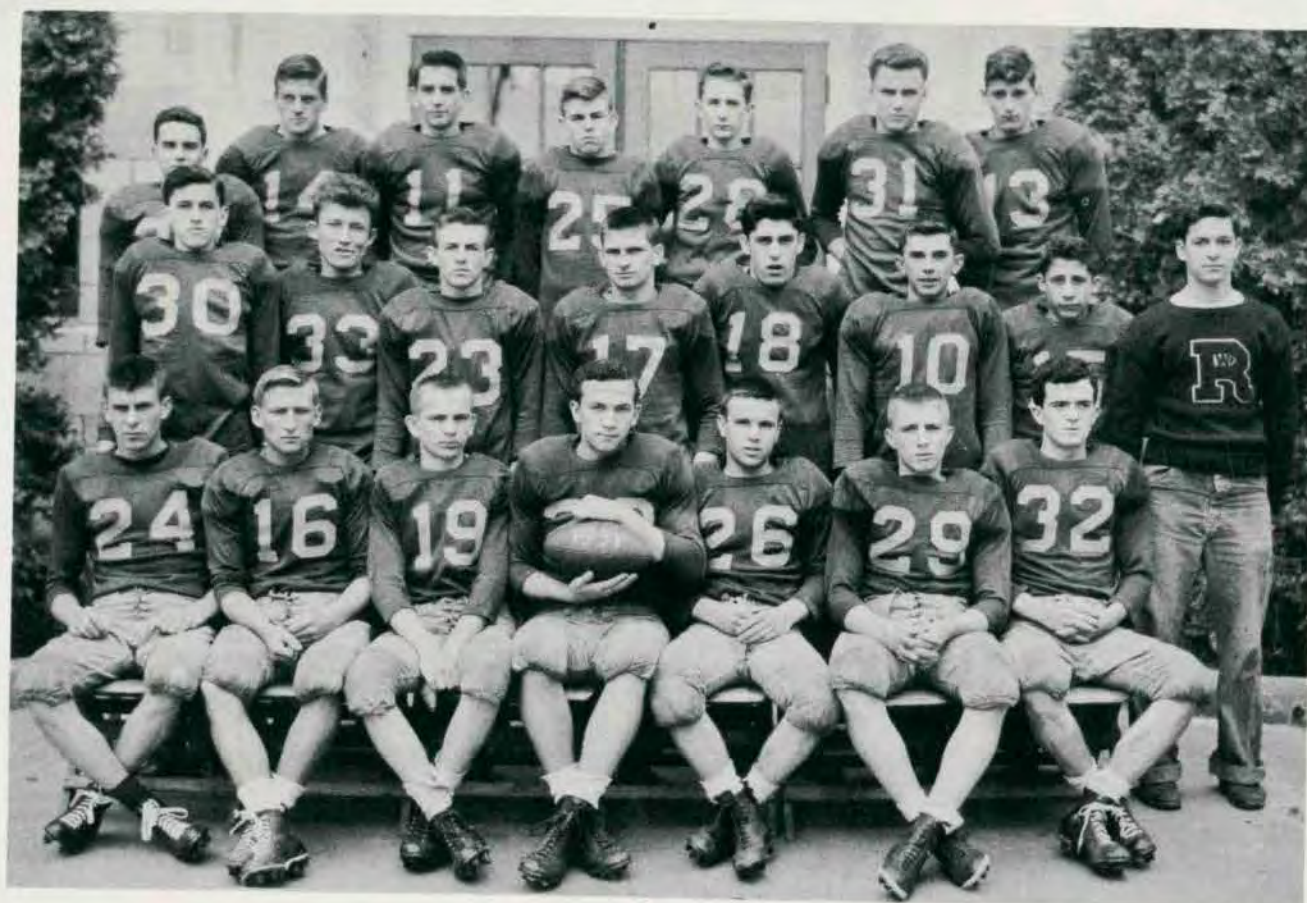
1945	West Rutland	60	Poultney	32	
	West Rutland	33	Randolph	28	
	West Rutland	50	St. Michael's	40	(Montpelier)
1946	West Rutland	43	Randolph	37	
	West Rutland	35	Poultney	20	
	West Rutland	36	St. Michael's	32	(Montpelier)
1947	West Rutland	25	Bradford Academy	22	(Playoff)
	West Rutland	33	Proctor	31	
	West Rutland	53	Richford	36	
	West Rutland	28	Winooski	24	
1948	West Rutland	41	Northfield	39	(Overtime)
	West Rutland	36	Proctor	35	(Overtime)
	West Rutland	35	St. Michael's	32	(Montpelier)
	West Rutland	49	Belmont, Mass.	56	(Class B:N.E.)
1949	West Rutland	54	Poultney	31	
	West Rutland	32	St. Michael's	39	(Brattleboro)
1950	West Rutland	40	Bradford	36	
	West Rutland	41	St. Michael's	31	(Brattleboro)
	West Rutland	45	Northfield	42	
1951	West Rutland	63	Vergennes	33	
	West Rutland	51	Poultney	38	
	West Rutland	48	Waterbury	34	
1952	West Rutland	54	Vergennes	33	
	West Rutland	60	North Bennington	35	
	West Rutland	47	Northfield	41	
TOTALS		1,043		801	

Offensive Average: 47.5 Defensive Average: 33.3

In 24 games in Class B Tournaments

2 games won by 6 points
 1 game won by 5 points
 3 games won by 4 points
 2 games won by 3 points
 2 games won by 2 points
 1 game won by 1 point
 1 game lost by 7 points





First Row: C. Siwicki, S. Rosmus, R. Jankosky, J. McCormack, J. Bianchi, G. Wasik, R. Herbert.

Second Row: J. Smyrski, V. Salengo, E. Gallagher, T. Drop, D. Vaccarella, S. Sankowski, J. Vaccarella, J. Hyjek, Mgr.

Third Row: D. Sevigny, F. Breznick, R. Pluta, J. Gallagher, R. Pecor, F. Reznik, W. Trepanier.

MARBLE VALLEY LEAGUE SCHEDULE

	<u>W.R.</u>	<u>Opp.</u>	
At Middlebury:	0	6	Middlebury
At Burr&Burton:	7	6	Burr&Burton
At West Rutland:	0	9	Fair Haven
" " " :	7	13	Poultney
" " " :	32	7	Woodstock
	<hr/> 46	<hr/> 41	

FOOTBALL

With the opening of the fall school term, athletic attentions were turned to the 1952 Marble Valley League Football schedule.

Coach Frank Hinchey began workouts in late August with a conditioning program and thirteen veterans were on hand to inaugurate the new campaign. Among the returning moleskin gladiators there were ten seniors, six juniors, seven sophomores, and seven freshmen.

What our squad lacked in experience, size, and depth was cushioned by spirit, determination, and willingness to learn the fundamentals of the game. Every Marble Valley League squad outmanned the Horde, but never outscrapped them.

Our first clash carried us to Middlebury where we were beaten 6-0. Although we were out-weighted, the game was nip and tuck all the way.

In the next outing against Burr & Burton we had our first taste of victory as we topped the Bulldogs, 7-6. We then went down to defeat by Fair Haven, 9-0, and Poultney, 13-7. The final game for Westside was against Woodstock. The Golden Horde led all the way and trounced Woodstock by a score of 32-7, thus ending the football season for another year.

The Hincheymen had scored 46 points to 41 for the opposition. All in all, we had two wins to three defeats, thus ending a fairly good season. When the selections for the Marble Valley League All Star team were made we were represented by Gene Wasik, a sophomore on the first eleven. Ted Drop, '53 and John McCormack, '52 were selected for the second team. Bob Herbert, '52, and Eddie Gallagher '52, received honorable mention.

BASEBALL

Baseball took over the sports spotlight in mid-April as the WRHS squad began preparations for the 1952 diamond season. Daily practices were held after school sessions. Returning veterans John McCormack, Hank Poplaski, Luke Bartlett set the nucleus of the squad along with a hardy, untested roster of newcomers.

The Horde opened up its baseball schedule with a "Home and Away" series of practice games with Mt. St. Joseph. Two early season victories resulted for the West Siders by virtue of scores of 5-4 and 3-2. West Side with a deciding 8-5 win over Ludlow highlighted the opening of the M.V.L. The West Side nine then trounced Chester, 11-3 for the second league win.

Fair Haven's Slaters entertained the Horde in the third game of the M.V.L. schedule and were shutout, 4-0. Another road game at Proctor saw the Hincheymen post an 8-7 win over the Phantoms.

Two home games resulted in a split. The locals upended Brandon 10-1, but came out on the short end of a 9-8 decision against Poultney.

West Rutland lost its second straight league decision to Wallingford 6-5 before drowning Middlebury's favored Tiger 3-1.

The West Siders closed out the season by defeating Burr and Burton 5-4 at Manchester while losing a 3-0 verdict to the Panthers at Pittsford.

The season's record of six victories and four reverses placed the Horde in a first division berth in league competition.



First Row: R. Herbert, D. Seigny, E. Gallagher, Capt. H. Poplaski, L. Bartlett, J. McCormack.

Second Row: R. Pluta, T. Harrison, R. Del Bianco, G. Lengol, D. Vaccarella, T. Drop.

Third Row: R. Williams, B. Czachor.

Baseball Schedule

	W.R.	Opp.
Ludlow	8	5
Chester	10	1
Proctor	8	7
Mt. St. Joseph	0	1
Burr & Burton	—	—
Brandon	10	1
Poultney	—	—
Mt. St. Joseph	—	—
Wallingford	—	—
Middlebury	—	—
Pittsford	—	—



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